

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Forecast for Sunday and Monday:
Virginia—Increasing cloudiness and warmer Sunday, followed by rain or snow and colder at night or Monday; fresh to brisk south winds, becoming northwesterly Monday.
North Carolina—Fair, warmer Sunday; Monday fair, colder, except snow in extreme west portion; fresh to brisk east to south winds, becoming northwesterly Monday.
Richmond people enjoyed a taste of genuine winter weather yesterday, especially early in the morning. The temperature was low and the atmosphere more than bracing. The sun's rays made the early afternoon more moderate.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

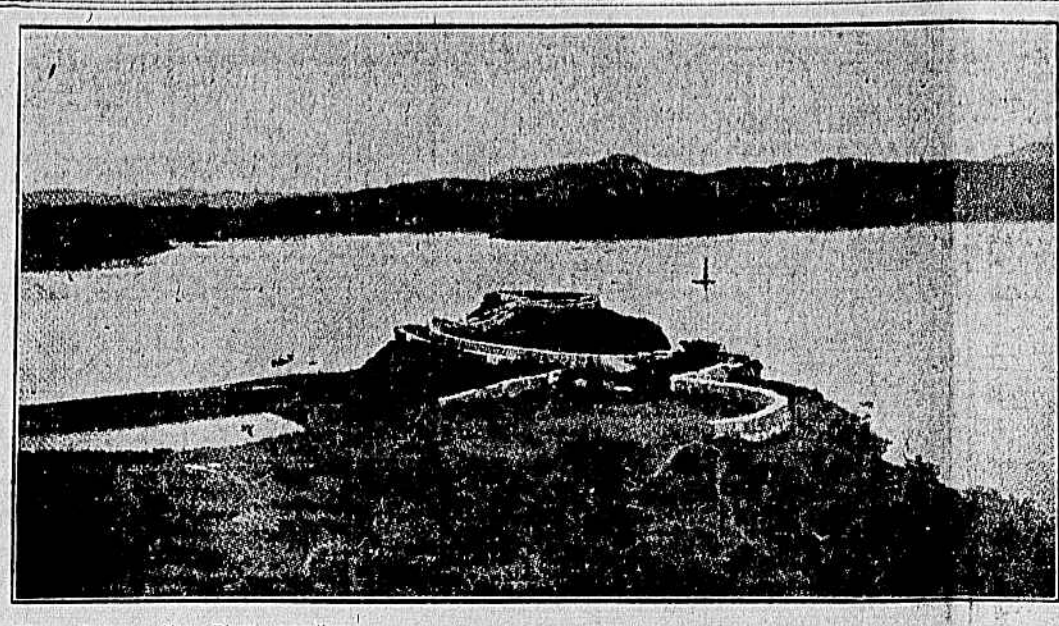
10 A. M.	21
1 P. M.	29
4 P. M.	31
7 P. M.	34
10 P. M.	33
12 midnight	28
Average	28.1-3

Highest temperature yesterday..... 35
Lowest temperature yesterday..... 11
Mean temperature yesterday..... 23
Mean temperature for February..... 37
Departure from normal temperature..... 11
Precipitation during past 24 hours..... 0.0

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

February 14, 1904.	
Rise sets..... 7:02	HIGH TIDE..... 3:26
Moon rises..... 5:47	Morning..... 3:43
Moon rises..... 5:47	Evening..... 3:43

February 15, 1904.	
Rise sets..... 7:01	HIGH TIDE..... 4:00
Moon rises..... 5:48	Morning..... 4:23
Moon rises..... 5:48	Evening..... 4:23



Elbow Fort on Han River, guarding the approach to Seoul, and scene showing Russian soldiers waiting to board a train.

FIGHTING HAS BEGUN ON THE YALU RIVER

THREE MORE RUSSIAN CRUISERS SAID TO HAVE BEEN TORPEDOED

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 13.—A report originating with a Japanese firm having correspondents in Tokyo, was circulated in London to-day, to the effect that three Russian cruisers, presumably the Vladivostok squadron, had been torpedoed in the Straits of Tugauru yesterday. (The Straits of Tugauru are between the island of Hokkaido, the northern of the three Japanese islands, and Nippon, the central island. Hakodate is on the northern side of the strait.)
The Japanese legation has heard nothing confirmatory of this report, though it has come to it from several sources. The legation officials received the report with considerable reserve, it being considered "too good to be true."
The Japanese have a strong naval base at Kotomari at the northern end of Nippon, and on the south side of the strait, and it is considered possible should the Vladivostok squadron attempt to harass the coast about Hakodate, that they would be met by torpedo boats from Kotomari.

Outposts of Two Armies Come Together.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE FORCE OF EIGHTY

Two Big Armies Hurrying Toward Each Other and Big Battle Expected Soon.

JAPANESE BREAK UP THE RUSSIAN RAILWAY.

Have Landed Large Force on Kwan Tung Peninsula and Will Effect Junction With Other Army—Three More Russian Cruisers Reported Torpedoed.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch, Copyright, 1904.)

CHIEFOO, Feb. 13.—Outpost fighting on the Yalu has begun and the Russians have captured eighty Japanese officers and men. This is the first indication received from the north that the land forces were coming into actual contact. It has been known for days that two great bodies were hurrying toward each other as quickly as they could be moved.
The Japanese army, at present gathered at Wifu, or within a few miles of that point, is said to number 80,000.
The Russian force, which is being rushed across Manchuria to meet this force, consists of 90,000 men of all arms, including the Third Artillery Brigade, with twenty-four guns. Twenty thousand Cossack cavalry have been gathered from the small stations along the Chinese railroad, which has been left almost entirely unprotected through the withdrawal of troops to face the Japanese land troops.
Great Secrecy.

Great secrecy has been maintained as to the movements of several of the largest transports of the Japanese army, and there is a belief current here that the Japanese, under cover of their navy, have succeeded in landing large forces on the Kwan Tung Peninsula, between Port Arthur and Mukden, and that this section of the Japanese army is moving northward and eastward to complete a junction with the Korean forces near the mouth of the Yalu.
That the force is operating on the Kwan Tung Peninsula is regarded by many war experts in Chefoo to be certain, owing to the attacks being made on the Chinese Railroad. Bridges have been dynamited, one so successfully that it cannot be repaired for months, and the cheap little rails of the road have been torn up in a number of cases and twisted out of shape.
Line Unprotected.

That this could be done is due to the fact that it has been necessary to leave the railroad with but little protection while the entire Russian force was being gathered together to proceed eastward to the Yalu. It is now believed, however, that Japanese forces have been landed in sufficient numbers to enable them to make a serious effort to disembark on the peninsula to the line of the railroad, which they have been attacking wherever opportunity offered.
This force, after practically shutting down the railroad, is believed, and is now in the neighborhood of the mouth of Yalu on the west bank, while the main part of the Japanese army is camped at Wifu on the east bank.
From a town near Port Arthur has come the story of heavy firing, heard to the north, and it is believed that a section of the Japanese army disembarked on the Kwan Tung Peninsula has begun an operation of diversion or that the Japanese fleet is covering further landing operations with heavy guns.
Tokio dispatches report the torpedoing of three of the Vladivostok fleet about Hakodate.

BOOMING OF CANNON.

Official Telegram Reports Six Japanese Battleships in Roadstead of Tatung Kon.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 14.—A. M. An official telegram received here from Port Arthur, dated February 13th, says the lights of the enemy's ships were seen off Inka (?) on the evening of February 11th. It says further that advice reached Port Arthur February 12th that six Japanese battleships had appeared in the roadstead of Tatung Kon (on the estuary of the Yalu River, and opposite the Korean port of Wifu), and that the booming of cannon had been heard.

AMERICAN NOTE.

Text of Paper Sent to Russia, China and Japan Is Given Out by the State Department.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The State Department to-day issued this statement: "After some preliminary exchange of views between the government and the governments of other powers interested in Chinese matters, the department on the 10th of February sent the following instruction to the American representatives in St. Petersburg, Tokyo, and Peking: 'You will express to the Minister for Foreign Affairs the earnest desire of the government of the United States that it

HAS BEEN REINSTATED

Mrs. Maybrick, Now Out of Prison, Will Probably Come Here to Testify.
INVOLVES VAST TRACT LAND
Suit Is by Baroness Von Rogue Against D. W. Armstrong. Over 2,500,000 Acres Involved.

Simultaneously with the release of the plaintiff from her long imprisonment in London, there was reinstated in the Chancery Court of Richmond yesterday the famous suit by Mrs. Florence E. Maybrick for the recovery of vast tracts of land in Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky, or the value thereof in money.

After nearly fifteen years of imprisonment, Mrs. Maybrick, of whom so much has been written and printed, was released yesterday, under the pardon recently granted by the King, Edward VII. The license was issued on January 11th, to take effect thirty days after date. The terms of the paper compel the residence of Mrs. Maybrick in some home selected by the home secretary until full liberty is granted to her, which will be in July next. But she is now free from espionage, no longer wears the prison dress, and is a simple inmate of some retreat.
All of this occurred yesterday in London, and on yesterday in Richmond the great suit, in which Mrs. Maybrick is interested and which had been stricken from the docket, was reinstated in the Chancery Court by Judge Leo D. Yarrell, a Washington counsel for the erstwhile prisoner. Judge Yarrell had with him certain important official and decidedly interesting communications from English courts, informing him of the release of Mrs. Maybrick from her place of residence, the time of her final release and so on. Several efforts were made to see him, but without effect. It is understood, however, that the suit, which has lagged for years, will now be pushed to a finish. Mrs. Maybrick will come to Richmond to testify.

A Great Sensation.
The Maybrick affair was an international sensation that is still remembered by many people. There have been periodic revivals of interest in the case, which caused considerable complication between the government of the United States and that of Great Britain.
In 1870 Florence E. Chanler, the daughter of the present Baroness Von Rogue, of France, was married to James Maybrick, a cotton broker, of Norfolk, Va., and Liverpool, England. In April, 1889, Maybrick was taken ill and died. Mrs. Maybrick was charged with murdering him with poison, was tried, found guilty, and sentenced to death. The sentence was afterwards commuted to imprisonment for life.
Then began a string of complications that extended almost up to the present.

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HEAD-ON COLLISION BETWEEN FREIGHTS

Engineer Killed and Firemen and Four Train Hands Hurt.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILLIAMSBURG, N. C., Feb. 13.—In a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Atlantic Coast Line, near Pee Dee, S. C., at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Engineer Bruce Taylor, of Wilmington, was killed, and Engineer McLaughlin, of Florence; Fireman Hay and four negro train hands were injured. None of the injured are very seriously hurt.
Both engines were completely wrecked and five cars were demolished. Physicians from Florence were sent out on a special train to attend the injured. The trains in collision were a south-bound extra and a north-bound special.
The crew of the extra are to blame for the wreck, as they should have taken the siding at Pee Dee and allowed the regular to pass. Engineer Taylor was on the extra. He stuck to his post and his life was crushed out in a mass of wreckage. His fireman and the crew of the other engine saved their lives by jumping.

Taylor has a wife and two small children living here.
The wreck occurred on the main line, the track will not be cleared before 6 o'clock Sunday morning, delaying all through trains many hours.

POGGENBURG WINS BILLIARD HONORS

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Ferdinand Poggenburg, of the Liederkranz Club, won the amateur championship billiard honors in the final match of the tournament, which was finished to-day. Poggenburg won out in the play off of a tie for first honors with Dr. L. T. Mil of this city, and he played the latter by a score of 30 to 18. Edward Gardner, of Fresno, N. J., won third honors, and Charles E. Conklin, of Chicago, took fourth place.



WISE HAS TILT WITH SENATOR DOLLIVER.

Accuses the Iowan of Conduct Unbecoming a Gentleman, and It Was With Difficulty That Personal Encounter Was Averted—Senator Read Wise's Speech and Replied to It at Banquet.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Feb. 13.—A sensational clash between John S. Wise, formerly of Virginia, now living in New York, and Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, was only averted by the utmost exertion on the part of members of the Lincoln Club of this city, of which both men were distinguished guests at the banquet last night. As it is, there is still much soreness on the part of the former Virginian, who accuses the Iowa statesman of conduct unbecoming a gentleman.

Both were to speak at the banquet, and during the afternoon, at Dolliver's request, Wise read to him his speech discussing the negro question. Wise delivered his speech, advocating taking away the franchise and reducing representation in Congress.
Dolliver was the next speaker, and for over an hour he replied to Wise, urging the Constitution and brotherhood of man. Wise at first was surprised, then astounded and finally angry. Wise interrupted Dolliver. "What speech would you have made had you not read mine this afternoon?" he demanded with some heat.
Toastmaster William Alden Smith exerted himself to calm Wise's anger and practically succeeded.
"I will give you \$500 if you will arrange to let me speak ten minutes when Dolliver is through," said Wise to the president of the Lincoln Club; but friends again intervened.

When the banquet closed and before the audience dispersed, Wise angrily asked Dolliver what he meant by taking such an advantage of him. Later they met in the cloak room of the Peninsula Club and had a warm debate. Mutual friends got them together later, however.

TWO BEARS TO ONE BULL IN NEW ORLEANS MARKET

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 13.—The short Saturday session in the cotton market, though quiet, was marked principally by operations on the short side, which caused a decline after an initial advance on better cables from Liverpool than were expected of about a quarter of a cent. The decline at the close amounted to only four points on all active positions, but even this indicated the extent of the selling for short account, where the strength of weekly statistics was taken into consideration.
At the ring to-day there appeared to be two bears to one bull, and this gave a strange tone to trading, as formerly there were about nine bulls to one bear. As has been the case for several days past, the leading bulls kept out of the market and allowed prices to take their own trend.

THE MUMPS CLOSE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WOODSTOCK, VA., Feb. 13.—Several public schools in the southern part of Shenandoah county have been closed during the past week on account of mumps, the teachers and scholars alike being the victims.

FIGHTING CHANCE FOR SENATOR HANNA.

Feeling of Despondency Gives Way to One of Restored Hope. The Senator Is Conscious Most of the Time and Is Able to Take Good Nourishment and to Retain It.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—Despite the critical condition of Senator Hanna, the feeling of despondency which last night pervaded the sick chamber gave way to-night to one of restored hope. All along during the day the attending physicians, noting the manner in which the patient responded to treatment, gave it as their belief that he had a "fighting chance."

The tension under which the immediate members of the family have been since 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the sinking spell came on, was noticeably relieved to-night, and the senator's brother, his son Dan and others of the household spent some time in the lobby of the hotel. Indeed, his condition was such that it was taken that Mrs. Hanna was able to take a short drive.
When morning broke the senator had held his own during the night, although it had been necessary to keep down the temperature, which at one time reached 105, by frequent sponge baths. The senator has been conscious most of the time, but has been too weak to rouse himself except at very infrequent intervals, and then he could but barely make himself understood.

Takes Nourishment.
The most gratifying feature of the case

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ALL-NIGHT DRIVE TO MARRIAGE ALTAR

Fifteen-Year-Old Girl Slips From Home and Goes to Bristol to be Married.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BLUEFIELD, W. VA., Feb. 13.—Miss Martha McNutt, a fifteen-year-old girl, slipped away from her home at Cooper to-day, and coming to this city, took a train for Coeburn, Va. She expected to be joined there by Robert Smith, a young merchant, and they planned an all night drive across the country to Bristol, where they are to be married to-morrow.

MR. GIBBONEY IS ILL IN NEW YORK HOSPITAL

Information has just been received here making known the whereabouts of Mr. L. W. Gibboney, of this city, who mysteriously disappeared from home a short while ago. Mr. Gibboney is ill in Dr. Loughran's hospital, in New York, where he has been for some little time.

CASHIER COOPER ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLING FUNDS

(By Associated Press.)
WACO, TEXAS, Feb. 13.—John P. Cooper, cashier of the Citizens National Bank of McGregor, McLennan county, Texas, surrendered to-day in this city to Deputy Marshal Black, and was arraigned before Commissioner A. P. McCormick on a charge made by Bank Examiner J. M. Logan, of embezzling funds of the National Banking Association.
Later in the day, Deputy Marshal Black arrested J. C. Kilgore, a livery stable man of McGregor, who is charged by affidavit with aiding and abetting Cashier Cooper. Commissioner McCormick placed the bail at \$5,000.